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NEWS RELEASE

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Police Memorial Week

The United States Congress has designated the week of **May 15, 2005** as Police Memorial Week. **Tuesday, May 17, 2005** the City/Parish President will sign a proclamation recognizing the men and women of law-enforcement that gave their lives while protecting the community. Immediately following, a police motorcade will depart the Lafayette Police Department (900 East University) at **6:30pm**, en-route to **Crossroads Church, 150 Verona Drive**, where a **Memorial Mass (7:00pm)** will be celebrated to commemorate the fallen officers. Law-enforcement officers representing surrounding agencies will attend along with family members of slain officers and the general public. The Memorial Service will honor **15** of Acadiana law-enforcement officers killed in the line of duty, since 1926.

Lafayette Police Department:

Officer Simon Chiasson, slain July 11, 1926 shot during a gun battle on Vermillion Street.

Sergeant Leroy King, slain May 20, 1959 shot while responding to a Domestic Disturbance.

Captain Harold Abadie, slain May 20, 1959 shot while responding to a Domestic Disturbance, with Sergeant Leroy King.

Captain John "Rocky" Langlinais, slain July 22, 1960 shot while executing an arrest warrant at the Greyhound Bus Station on Lee Avenue.

Officer Edward Burch, slain January 5, 1969 shot while transporting a prisoner from Eight and St. Charles Streets.

Abbeville Police Department:

Officer John Hardy, slain December 22, 1992 shot during a traffic stop.

Crowley Police Department:

Officer Ezra Foreman, slain May 4, 1959 shot while responding to a Domestic Disturbance.

Officer Anthony Suire, slain September 6, 1962 killed in a car crash while in a vehicle pursuit.

Officer Richard Newman, slain February 19, 1993 shot during an undercover drug operation.

Evangeline Parish Sheriffs Department:

Deputy Charles Smith, slain April 16, 2003 shot while executing a warrant.

New Iberia Police Department:

Officer Chad Elkins, died October 25, 2000 killed in an automobile crash.

Jennings Police Department:

Officer Burt Leblanc, slain February 5, 2000 shot while responding to a domestic Disturbance.

Kaplan Police Department:

Officer Rodney Trahan, died April 4, 1969 killed in a car crash while pursuing a speeding vehicle.

St. Mary Parish Sheriffs Department:

Detective John Kahl, slain June 4, 1980 shot during a gun battle.

Louisiana State Police:

Trooper Donald Cleveland, slain July 12, 1971 shot during a traffic stop.

Memorial Information: Detective Craig Mouton at (337) 291-8063.